

ACCREDITATION STATUS CRITERIA REFERENCE GUIDE

Determining Accreditation Status: Revised ARM 10.55.606, effective July 1, 2013

There are four Levels for assurance standards and student performance standards used to determine accreditation status, as described in the ARM 10.55.606 (2013). The highest Level is 1 and the lowest Level is 4.

Regular Accreditation: At least Level 1 for all assurance standards and Level 1 or 2 for student performance standards; or at least Level 1 or 2 for assurance standards and all Level 1 for student performance standards. Schools have three years to remedy the Level 2 deviation(s).

Regular with Minor Deviation: Level 2 in any category in both sets of standards.

Advice: Level 3 in any category in either set of standards.

Deficiency: Level 4 in any category in either set of standards.

| Assurance Standards | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|-------------------------|--|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------------|
| Policy Area | Policy Reference | Citation | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Level 4 | Intensive Assistance |
| | | | Years with This Deviation | | | | |
| General | ARM 10.55.601 | School did not submit required report(s). | | | | 1 | |
| General | ARM 10.55.601 | School submitted incomplete or inaccurate report(s). | | | 1 | 2 | |
| Variances | ARM 10.55.604 | Approved variance(s) is not followed. | | | 1 | 2 | |
| Licensure | | More than 5 percent of school's total licensed staff are misassigned. | | | | 1 | |
| Licensure | ARM 10.55.702, 703, 708 | Nonlicensed teacher/administrator is employed. | | | | 1-2 | |
| Licensure | ARM 10.55.702,703 | Administrator is not appropriately endorsed or not enrolled in an approved internship (ARM 10.55.602) | | | 1 | 2 | |
| School Leadership | ARM 10.55.704 | School does not employ, as required by ARM 10.55.704, a District Superintendent. | | | 1 | 2 | |
| Licensure | ARM 10.55.708 | Teacher is not assigned at the level(s) and/or in the subject(s) for which license is endorsed. Must be remedied in the year it occurs. | | | 1 | 2 | |
| School Program | ARM 10.55.704, 705 | School does not have the required minimum number administrative FTE. | | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| School Program | ARM 10.55.709 | Library services/school counseling services are not provided. | | | 1 | 2 | |
| School Program | ARM 10.55.709, 710 | School counselor or librarian is not endorsed or not enrolled in an approved internship (ARM 10.55.602) | | | 1 | 2 | |
| School Program | ARM 10.55.709, 710 | School does not provide minimum FTE in library/school counseling program(s). | | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| Class Size | ARM 10.55 712-713 | School exceeds maximum class size. | | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| School Program | ARM 10.55.901, 902, 904 | School does not offer basic educational program(s). | | | 1 | 2 | |
| School Facilities | ARM 10.55.908 | Facilities create safety and health hazards and inadequate learning conditions. Must be remedied immediately. | | | 1 | 2 | |
| School Facilities | ARM 10.55.908 | Facilities have been cited for violation of uniform fire code by the state fire marshal or local fire department. Must be remedied immediately. | | | 1 | 2 | |

| Student Performance Standards | | | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Level 4 |
| Reading | 300 - 250 | 249 - 220 | 219 - 210 | 209 - 200 |
| Mathematics | 300 - 250 | 249 - 220 | 219 - 210 | 209 - 200 |
| Science | 300 - 250 | 249 - 220 | 219 - 210 | 209 - 200 |
| HS Graduation Rate | 100.0% - 75.0% | 74.9% - 60.0% | 59.9% - 55.0% | 54.9% - 0.0% |



Accreditation Status of Schools Using Assurance and Student Performance Standards - Elementary Examples

Example Elementary A

| Assurance Standards | Student Performance Standards | Accreditation Status |
|--|-------------------------------|--|
| ARM 10.55.702-705 Administration | Average Reading - 245 | Regular Level 1 for all assurance standards and Level 1 or 2 for student performance standards; or- Level 1 or 2 for assurance standards and all Level 1 for student performance standards. Schools have 3 years of Regular accreditation during which they will remedy deviations. |
| ARM 10.55.707 Licensed teacher/ Specialist | Average Mathematics - 260 | |
| ARM 10.55.708 Teacher Assignment | Average Science - 220 | |
| ARM 10.55.709 Library Services | | |
| ARM 10.55.710 Counseling Services | | |
| ARM 10.55.712-713 Class size | | |
| ARM 10.55.901-904 Educational Program | | |

Example Elementary B

| Assurance Standards | Student Performance Standards | Accreditation Status |
|--|-------------------------------|--|
| ARM 10.55.702-705 Administration | Average Reading - 255 | Regular Level 1 for all assurance standards and Level 1 or 2 for student performance standards; or- Level 1 or 2 for assurance standards and all Level 1 for student performance standards. Schools have 3 years of Regular accreditation during which they will remedy deviations. |
| ARM 10.55.707 Licensed teacher/ Specialist | Average Mathematics - 260 | |
| ARM 10.55.708 Teacher Assignment | Average Science - 275 | |
| ARM 10.55.709 Library FTE | | |
| ARM 10.55.710 Counseling Services | | |
| ARM 10.55.712-713 Class size | | |
| ARM 10.55.901-904 Educational Program | | |


Example Elementary C

| Assurance Standards | Student Performance Standards | Accreditation Status |
|--|-------------------------------|--|
| ARM 10.55.702-705 Administration | Average Reading - 255 | Regular with Minor Deviations Level 2 in any category in both sets of standards. |
| ARM 10.55.707 Licensed teacher/ Specialist | Average Mathematics - 235 | |
| ARM 10.55.708 Teacher Assignment | Average Science - 230 | |
| ARM 10.55.709 Library Services | | |
| ARM 10.55.710 Counseling FTE | | |
| ARM 10.55.712-713 Class size | | |
| ARM 10.55.901-904 Educational Program | | |

Example Elementary D

| Assurance Standards | Student Performance Standards | Accreditation Status |
|--|-------------------------------|--|
| ARM 10.55.702-705 Administration | Average Reading - 255 | Advice Level 3 in any category in either set of standards. |
| ARM 10.55.707 Licensed teacher/ Specialist | Average Mathematics - 260 | |
| ARM 10.55.708 Teacher Assignment | Average Science - 220 | |
| ARM 10.55.709 Library Services | | |
| ARM 10.55.710 Counseling FTE | | |
| ARM 10.55.712-713 Class size | | |
| ARM 10.55.901-904 Educational Program | | |

Example Elementary E

| Assurance Standards | Student Performance Standards | Accreditation Status |
|--|-------------------------------|--|
| ARM 10.55.702-705 Administration | Average Reading - 255 | Deficiency Level 4 in any category in either set of standards. July 2013  Montana Office of Public Instruction Denise Juneau, State Superintendent opi.mt.gov |
| ARM 10.55.707 Licensed teacher/ Specialist | Average Mathematics - 260 | |
| ARM 10.55.708 Teacher Assignment | Average Science - 265 | |
| ARM 10.55.709 Library Services | | |
| ARM 10.55.710 Counseling Services | | |
| ARM 10.55.712-713 Class size | | |
| ARM 10.55.901-904 Educational Program | | |

Accreditation Status of Schools Using Assurance and Student Performance Standards - High School Examples

Example High School A

| Assurance Standards | Student Performance Standards | Accreditation Status |
|--|-------------------------------|---|
| ARM 10.55.702-705 Administration | Reading - 255 | Regular Level 1 for all assurance standards and Level 1 or 2 for student performance standards; or- Level 1 or 2 for assurance standards and all Level 1 for student performance standards. |
| ARM 10.55.707 Licensed teacher/ Specialist | Mathematics - 260 | |
| ARM 10.55.708 Teacher Assignment | Science - 220 | |
| ARM 10.55.709 Library Services | HS Graduation - 62% | |
| ARM 10.55.710 Counseling Services | | Schools have 3 years of Regular accreditation during which they will remedy deviations. |
| ARM 10.55.712-713 Class size | | |
| ARM 10.55.901-904 Educational Program | | |

Example High School B

| Assurance Standards | Student Performance Standards | Accreditation Status |
|--|-------------------------------|--|
| ARM 10.55.702-705 Administration | Reading - 255 | Regular <i>Level 1 for all assurance standards and Level 1 or 2 for student performance standards; or- Level 1 or 2 for assurance standards and all Level 1 for student performance standards. Schools have 3 years of Regular accreditation during which they will remedy deviations.</i> |
| ARM 10.55.707 Licensed teacher/ Specialist | Mathematics - 260 | |
| ARM 10.55.708 Teacher Assignment | Science - 275 | |
| ARM 10.55.709 Library FTE | HS Graduation -94% | |
| ARM 10.55.710 Counseling Services | | |
| ARM 10.55.712-713 Class size | | |
| ARM 10.55.901-904 Educational Program | | |


Example High School C

| Assurance Standards | Student Performance Standards | Accreditation Status |
|---|-------------------------------|---|
| ARM 10.55.702-705 Administration | Reading - 255 | Regular with Minor Deviations <i>Level 2 in any category in both sets of standards.</i> |
| ARM 10.55.707 Licensed teacher/Specialist | Mathematics - 235 | |
| ARM 10.55.708 Teacher Assignment | Science - 230 | |
| ARM 10.55.709 Library Services | HS Graduation -70% | |
| ARM 10.55.710 Counseling FTE | | |
| ARM 10.55.712-713 Class size | | |
| AARM 10.55.901-904 Educational Program | | |

Example High School D

| Assurance Standards | Student Performance Standards | Accreditation Status |
|--|-------------------------------|---|
| ARM 10.55.702-705 Administration | Reading - 255 | Advice <i>Level 3 in any category in either set of standards.</i> |
| ARM 10.55.707 Licensed teacher/ Specialist | Mathematics - 215 | |
| ARM 10.55.708 Teacher Assignment | Science - 220 | |
| ARM 10.55.709 Library Services | HS Graduation -80% | |
| ARM 10.55.710 Counseling Services | | |
| ARM 10.55.712-713 Class size | | |
| ARM 10.55.901-904 Educational Program | | |

Example High School E

| Assurance Standards | Student Performance Standards | Accreditation Status |
|--|-------------------------------|--|
| ARM 10.55.702-705 Administration | Reading - 255 | Deficiency <i>Level 4 in any category in either set of standards.</i> <i>July 2013</i>  Montana Office of Public Instruction Denise Juneau, State Superintendent opi.mt.gov |
| ARM 10.55.707 Licensed teacher/ Specialist | Mathematics - 260 | |
| ARM 10.55.708 Teacher Assignment | Science - 205 | |
| ARM 10.55.709 Library Services | HS Graduation -78 s% | |
| ARM 10.55.710 Counseling Services | | |
| ARM 10.55.712-713 Class size | | |
| ARM 10.55.901-904 Educational Program | | |